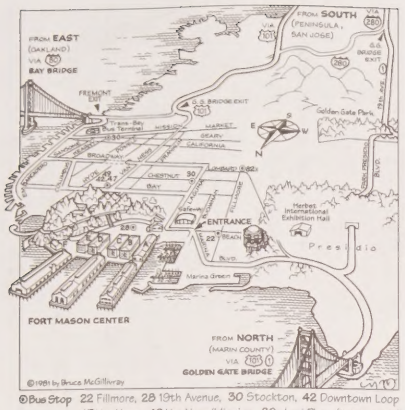

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MAY 2000

NORWAY DAY FESTIVAL

Norway's cultural heritage, traditions, crafts and advances in technology and ecology are on display at the annual Norway Day Festival. Featuring activities for young and old, this exciting event brings Norway to San Francisco.

New this year is the Children's Center, a life-sized recreation of Thorbjørn Egner's Cardamom Town, a to-scale replica of the village of Kardemomme By in southern Norway. Also featured is award-winning cuisine by Master Chef Trond Moi, a fashion show displaying the hand-knit designs of Lise Solvang, travel information, vendors, a Bunad Show of traditional folk costumes from the various regions of Norway, and a Genealogy Center.

Staffing the genealogy booth is Blaine Hedberg, director of the Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison, Wisconsin. He presents several short seminars each day about various topics related to researching Norwegian genealogy.

Hedberg and several volunteers are available to assist festival visitors with individual questions. They also demonstrate how the Internet can be used as a powerful resource for carrying out genealogy research. Four computers with Internet access are available to the public. Prospective research visitors should bring as much information as possible on their genealogy.

The Festival features a wealth of entertainment: accordionists Gudny Dahlen and Roar Knudsen; traditional folk musicians Sissel Rudningen and Hilde Kirkeboen; award-winning storyteller Judith Simundson; the Normanna Men's Chorus; Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag, the only traditional Norwegian music and dance group in the Bay Area; and Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring, a local children's Norwegian dance group.

The Norway Day Festival takes place Saturday, May 6 from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, May 7 from 10am to 5pm in the Festival Pavilion. Admission is $10 for adults, $7 for seniors and students, and free for children 12 and under. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the MS Society of Northern California. For more information, call (925) 974-9071.

Norway Day
Photo: Ellen Faris

FIXING YOSEMITE

The National Park Service holds a public hearing this month in the Presidio on the various alternatives for dealing with the ever-increasing number of visitors (and their cars) entering Yosemite National Park, one of the most popular parks in the country. The Park Service is considering several options to address congestion and overcrowding, including reducing parking or consolidating it near the park's edges, restoring native habitat, introducing shuttle services, and reducing camping and overnight facilities.

Five different alternatives—some more radical than others—are spelled out in the Draft Yosemite Valley Plan being drawn up. This plan, says Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, aims to "make sure visitors spend time appreciating the natural beauty of the park, rather than focusing on where to park." Along that line of thinking, proposals in the plan include removing Cascades Dam on the Merced River, constructing backpacker campgrounds, increasing bicycle and walking trails, and relocating some of the existing housing for visitors and park employees.

The Draft Yosemite Valley Plan is on view at an open house and public hearing held May 22, Monday from 4 to 9pm in the Herbst International Exhibition Hall located at Moraga and Montgomery Streets in the Presidio. For information about the public hearing, call (209) 372-0200 or visit www.nps.gov/yose/planning.htm.

Still showing through May 12 at the Exhibition Hall is "Dream Girls: Images of Women in Advertising," a history of the role and depiction of women in the advertising media. It is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5pm. For information on the exhibit, call (510) 649-0500, ext. 41.

SAND MANDALA

The Tibetan sand mandala is one of that country's most beautiful and unique artforms. Buddhist monks painstakingly create these symbols, grain by grain, using dyed sand spread through specially-shaped metal tubes. The Monastery Project of Sebastopol invites the public to watch the creation and dissolution of the Yamantake Sand Mandala, as created by the monks of the Sed-Gyued Datsang Tantric College in Nepal.

According to Tibetan Buddhism, the act of viewing a mandala is very significant. Whether or not the symbolism is understood, the viewer absorbs the healing energy and is guided towards enlightenment. Mandalas also have many layers of meaning related to Tantric doctrines that are traditionally kept secret. Some are created for ceremonial use and may not be viewed by anyone who has not received the proper initiation and prepared for the experience for several days.

For those who meditate upon it, the mandala is also a means to an end, a "map" to a higher consciousness. It symbolizes the stages of mental development and purification that lead to enlightenment. When that pure mental state has been reached the meditator will have become one with the deity, and the mandala will no longer be needed. To acknowledge this achievement, and to symbolize the impermanence of all things, the sand is swept away.

The Monastery Project is part of the Healing Buddha Foundation, a Northern California nonprofit dedicated to preserving the Sed-Gyued lineage in exile. The Project is dedicated to building a traditional Tibetan temple at the order's current home in Nepal.

During the week-long event, Venerable Sugyu Choepel Rinpoche, head lama of the Healing Buddha Foundation, provides teachings on the meaning of the mandala and an introduction to Buddhism. Topics presented are "Mandala of Compassion" (May 21 and 27 from 2 to 3pm), "Overcoming Anger" (May 24 from 7 to 9pm), "Introduction to Buddhism" (May 26 from 7 to 9pm), and "Healing Deep Wounds" (May 27 from 7 to 9pm). Admission to each lecture is a $15 suggested donation, which includes admission to the exhibit.

The documentary films *Seeds of Tibet: Voices of Children in Exile* and *Free Tibet 1999 Tour* are shown May 20 and 23 at 7pm; suggested prices are $10, $6 for students and seniors. All programs include admission to the exhibit.

Also on display are paintings by Urgen Dorje Sherpa, master thangka painter from Nepal, and his son Tserin Sherpa. The Sherpas discuss this traditional art form, in conjunction with their exhibit. Thangkas, richly decorative scrolls depicting various deities or Buddhist teachers, remain crucial to Tibetan religious life.

The Tibetan Sand Mandala and Sacred Arts Exhibit takes place May 20 through 28 in the Conference Center in Landmark Building A. The mandala-making process can be viewed Thursday through Saturday from 10am to 9pm, and Sunday (May 21) through Wednesday from 10am to 8pm. Evening prayers are offered thirty minutes before closing each day. Admission is $10 (suggested donation). On the last day of the event, May 28, the mandala can be viewed from 10am to 4pm, followed by a Dissolution Ceremony ($20) from 4 to 6pm. For information, call (800) 843-4037 or visit www.themonasteryproject.org.

Tibetan Sand Mandala

ADVENTURE ROPES

The goal of a ropes course is to build self-esteem and confidence, and to promote mutual support, trust and collaboration within communities. Since 1980, the Fort Miley Adventure Ropes Course, located near the Cliff House and Ocean Beach, has used this concept to to instill these values in disadvantaged teenagers. This month, the course celebrates its 20th anniversary with an event at Fort Mason Center.

The course was built in 1980 by a group of high school students and community volunteers. In the intervening years, the program has trained over 350 volunteers and has served more than 18,000 participants. Ropes courses were first developed during World War II to help new troops work together more effectively. At Fort Miley, the traditional ropes strung from trees have been replaced with a solidly constructed course made with steel cables, forged bolts and state-of-the-art safety systems.

The Ropes Course fosters a fun, safe, and inclusive environment in which individuals and groups may work together to develop communication, leadership, and decision-making skills. Its particular commitment is to serving members of the community who are disadvantaged or disenfranchised due to their socioeconomic or ethnic background, drug or alcohol abuse, gang affiliation, teen parenthood, sexual orientation, or disability.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration brings the outdoor community together to celebrate twenty years of treetop challenges. The gala raises funds for Fort Miley's Youth Scholarship Fund, which ensures access to the Ropes Course by groups who cannot afford the participation fee.

The celebration features a series of interactive exhibits and speakers highlighting Fort Miley's colorful history. A silent auction and raffle are also held. The raffle grand prize is a six-day, five-night adventure travel trip with the Backroads Company. Additionally, there are gourmet appetizers, wine and beer. Oscar Meyer's Blues Beat Revue, a high-energy mix of funk, R&B, and blues, provides the musical entertainment.

The Fort Miley Adventure Ropes Course 20th Anniversary Celebration takes place Friday, May 12 from 7 to 11:30pm in the Conference Center's Golden Gate Room in Landmark Building A. Tickets are $25 (suggested donation). For tickets and information, call (415) 338-6883, or visit www.fortmileyropes.org.

ORCHID GARAGE SALE

OrchidMania is one of the world's most unusual AIDS fund-raising organizations. Its primary mission is to provide financial and moral support to AIDS prevention and relief organizations in the United States, Central America, and Southeast Asia. Moreover, its goal is to encourage interest and enthusiasm for cultivation, conservation, and appreciation of this unique flower, and to provide a comfortable and positive vehicle for people from all walks of life to donate their time and talents to AIDS relief.

Every year, amateur and commercial growers around the world donate thousands of live plants to the organization. These flowers are sold at the Orchid Garage Sale, with proceeds going to grassroots AIDS organizations. The Breakfast Preview allows ticket holders to view the selection of orchids before the general public, while enjoying delicious treats.

OrchidMania is an all-volunteer organization. It operates a commercial greenhouse in San Francisco, where workers grow an incredibly diverse collection of plants from around the world. The greenhouse also houses a "permanent collection" of rare and endangered orchids.

Of the group's fifty volunteers, almost half participate in a horticulture program and gain hands-on experience with cultivation, propagation, laboratory work and crop management. Following completion of the next phase of greenhouse construction, the organization hopes to offer vocational training to at-risk urban young people.

OrchidMania is gradually catching on in other parts of the world. Volunteers helped organize a group in South Florida in 1998, and hope to form others in the future in Southern California, Costa Rica and Australia.

Douglas Thompson, founder and past president, has set a long-term objective of establishing OrchidMania's own AIDS prevention program in Southeast Asia. He travels to Thailand and Vietnam several times a year (at his own expense) to provide technical assistance to AIDS programs there, and to network with commercial growers. After losing more than 60 friends to the disease, his biggest dream is a world without AIDS.

The Orchid Garage Sale takes place May 13 and 14, Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 5pm in the Conference Center, in Landmark Building A. Admission is free. The Breakfast Preview is held from 9 to 10am; tickets are $20. For information, call (415) 841-1678, or visit www.orchids.org.

AN HONOR

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation holds its 13th annual gala fundraiser to recognize community members who have dedicated their lives to ending the AIDS epidemic. This year's honorees are Laurence Colton, a longtime Foundation board member who is stepping down, and Mervyn's California and Target Stores, which has contributed generously to the cause and whose AIDS Walk team of 3,500 is one of the largest.

The Foundation was established in 1982 in San Francisco's Castro district as an emergency response to a quickly emerging health crisis. Its primary purpose was to disseminate critical information to gay men diagnosed with what was then thought to be a frightening cancer.

As the health crisis grew exponentially and spread into new populations, the AIDS Foundation grew correspondingly and responded to new challenges. Building upon its original mission to educate, the Foundation added comprehensive services for people living with HIV and AIDS. They also launched an aggressive public policy campaign to compel federal and state governments to address the growing epidemic.

Seventeen years later, this organization is firmly established as a global leader in the fight against AIDS. With an annual budget of $18 million, over 100 employees, 450 volunteers, and 120,000 individuals served this year, the Foundation continues to face daunting challenges at every turn with compassion, dignity and a sense of purpose.

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation Leadership Recognition Dinner takes place May 26 in the Festival Pavilion. Cocktails and dinner start at 6pm; the awards are presented at 8pm. Tickets are $225 per person, $200 before April 26, and $25,000 to $3,000 for a table. For tickets and information, call (415) 487-3065 or visit www.sfaf.org.

ON STAGE AROUND THE CENTER

Albert Herring
The San Francisco Opera Center presents the Benjamin Britten comedy about the English town of Loxford which, lacking a suitably chaste May Queen for its annual festival, elects the shy lad Albert Herring instead. Cowell Theater; see May 2.

Bay Area Theatresports
Theatresports is an improvisational theater format pitting teams of actors against each other in spontaneous scenes and skits. The company's regular performances include the Belfry Players (see May 4), the Spring Tournament (see May 5), That Time of the Month Again (see May 6), and the Sunday Players (see May 7). Specially-themed evenings include a fund-raiser featuring Spontaneous Broadway (see May 12), a Spaghetti Western (see May 13), Improvised Shakespeare (see May 26), and a grudge match against Los Angeles Theatresports (see May 27). Bayfront Theater; various dates.

Marin Day School Fund-Raiser: Fiesta 2000
With a silent auction, raffle, buffet dinner, and live music, the Fiesta benefits Marin Day Schools, a nonprofit organization providing quality childcare services to more than 1,600 Bay Area families. Herbst Pavilion; see May 6.

Peter and The Wolf
This production of the children's favorite features the glorious music of Sergei Prokofiev performed live. Young Performers Theatre; see May 6.

Celebrating The Genius Of J.S. Bach
A series of performances commemorate the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. Pianist Angela Hewitt performs the Well-Tempered Clavier, and Viennese violinist Benjamin Schmid performs some of the major violin works of J.S. Bach and Eugène Ysaÿe. Cowell Theater; see May 7.

School Of The Arts Spring Dance Performance
Students from San Francisco's public high school for the arts perform works created by students and by Artists-in-Residence Arturo Fernandez, Cheryl Chaddick, Juan Pazmino, Erin Merk, and Michelle Martin. Cowell Theater; see May 12.

Guys and Dolls
Students from Musical Theatre Works perform this classic Broadway musical as the finale to their spring semester. Bayfront Theater; see May 18.

***Subali-Sugriwa*: Bali and India**
Local troupes Gamelan Sekar Jaya and Chitresh Das Dance Company join forces for a compelling new work, drawn from the Hindu *Ramayana*, combining Balinese and Indian styles. Cowell Theater; see article and May 19.

Eurythmy, Humor, and Song
Students from the San Francisco Waldorf School perform eurythmy, a dance style blending speech, music, gesture, lighting, and color. The program includes music by Bartók and J.S. Bach. Cowell Theater; see May 24.

San Francisco World Music Festival
Local and international groups perform music from around the world. Performers include Trance Mission, West African Highlife Band, throat singers from Tuva, and musicians from Azerbaijan, India, the Middle East, and China. There also are lectures and film screenings. Cowell Theater; see article and May 27.

Celebrating The Genius Of J.S. Bach Violinist Benjamin Schmid

SFAI MASTERS

The San Francisco Art Institute holds its Masters of Fine Arts Exhibition highlighting the ambitious achievements of more than fifty emerging artists in film, video, installation, painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography and drawing.

The Art Institute, founded in 1871, is the nation's only visual arts college dedicated solely to the fine arts. It has a distinguished history and a long list of affiliated artists who have won prestigious grants and fellowships and are included in important collections. The Art Institute is a fully accredited college awarding Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees, and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.

The Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition is on display May 13 through 20, daily from noon to 5pm, in the Herbst Pavilion. An opening reception and Open House takes place all day Saturday, May 13. Admission is free. For more information, call (415) 749-4545, or visit www.sfai.edu.

WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Every society has some form of musical expression—from the Australian Aboriginal didjeridu to the honkyoko meditation music of the Shakuhachi, from the classical music of India to the folk tunes of rural China, and from the prayer bowls of Tibet to the percussion of Ghana. The list is as expansive and broad as there are cultures in the world.

The First Annual San Francisco World Music Festival builds bridges between cultures with the belief that exposure to the diversity of musical experience can create a deeper appreciation for our shared humanity. Approximately twenty different groups perform over the course of the three-day event. The program consists of musicians from the Bay Area, New York, and Los Angeles, as well as Tuva, Azerbaijan, and Armenia.

The Festival includes a roundtable discussion, a presentation of films about world music and culture, and live radio shows at Fort Mason Center, as well as master classes at San Francisco State University and educational workshops for elementary schools.

The discussion (May 27 at noon) addresses issues related to the field of world music. The panel, moderated by KPFA radio host Catherine Gollery, includes some of the most respected figures in the world music scene, including Kutay Derin Kugay, Stephen Kent, Zakir Hussain, Antonia Minnecola, Rahman Asadollahi, Robert Phoenix, DJ Sep, Chuy Varela, Lise Liepman, Gang Situ, Michael Santoro, and Hafez Modirzadeh.

The film screening (May 27 at 2:30pm), put together by Stephen Parr of Oddball Film + Video, features music performances from Africa, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, the Middle East, and Russia.

Four performances take place at Fort Mason Center. Program One (May 27 at 6pm) features Greek ensemble Edessa, comprised of some of the most talented performers of traditional music, and the Chookasian Armenian Ensemble performing on rare instruments native to the Caucasus. Program Two (May 27 at 8:30pm) travels to Asia, with the Jumping Buddha Ensemble and Hossein Omoumi. Jumping Buddha blends modern jazz and traditional Chinese music; Hossein is an internationally known master of the Persian bamboo flute.

Program Three (May 28 at 1pm) features Southern Italian singer Alessandra Belloni, the Azerbaijan Ensemble, and Chirgilchin, a quintet of throat singers from Tuva. Program Four (May 28 at 6pm) is all over the globe, with Habib Khan's sitar music, modern didjeridu troupe Trance Mission, and the West African Highlife Band, known for their lively dance tunes.

The First Annual San Francisco World Music Festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28 in the Cowell Theater. Admission to the roundtable discussion and film screening is free. Performances cost $22 each. For information, call the Clarion Music Center, (415) 391-1317, or Fort Mason Ticket Service at (415) 441-FMTS, or visit www.sfworldmusicfestival.org.

INDIA MEETS BALI

Two renowned Bay Area troupes, Gamelan Sekar Jaya and Chitresh Das Dance Company, join forces in a new work. *Subali-Sugriwa* brings together two of Asia's most impressive music/dance forms, the Balinese interlocking vocal chant known as ketjak, and the classical Indian kathak dance.

The *Subali-Sugriwa* story is one of the most compelling excerpts from the ancient Hindu epic, the *Ramayana*—a tale of the triumph of good over evil, tremendously popular in India and throughout Southeast Asia. Each of two princely brothers believes himself to be the rightful heir to the throne, but through a series of misunderstandings is deceived by the other. Their tragic struggle ensnares two of the heroes of the *Ramayana*, the noble Rama, and his monkey-chief Hanoman.

Co-creators Chitresh Das, Nyoman Cerita, and Dewa Berata have elaborated upon and intermingled many details—dramatic, choreographic, musical, and symbolic—from their respective performance traditions. Enhanced by colorful and intricately detailed costumes, and accompanied by small musical ensembles from each company, *Subali-Sugriwa* offers a fascinating look inside two of Asia's most vibrant performing arts traditions through a collaborative work of powerful dramatic impulse.

The Chitresh Das Dance Company, founded in 1980, has brought kathak to audiences throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and India during yearly tours. A classical dance from North India, kathak is a technically challenging and dramatically driven art form combining fast, precise footwork and pirouettes, flowing movement, lavish costumes and vivid storytelling.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya is a Bay Area ensemble of forty-five musicians and dancers that specializes in the performing arts of Bali. Founded as an artists' collective in 1979, the group has grown to be internationally recognized as the finest Balinese gamelan outside of Indonesia. Gamelan Sekar Jaya has dedicated itself to the creation of new work, including more than fifty music and dance compositions by Balinese and American artists, often in collaboration with other San Francisco-based groups.

Subali-Sugriwa is presented in the Cowell Theater May 19 through 21, Friday through Sunday at 8pm, with a special Saturday family matinee at 2pm. All performances are preceded by traditional works from each company. Tickets are $25 preferred seating, $18 advance, $20 at the door (adults); $16 advance, $18 at the door (students/seniors/children); $10 (children 12 and under) for Saturday matinee only. For tickets and information, call (415) 441-FMTS.

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Alessandra Belloni at the World Music Festival—see article

GALLERIES

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Classes Academic & recreational courses in sculpture, ceramics, drawing, painting, & printmaking. Call for free catalog. Ongoing enrollment for non-credit continuing education classes. See Classes & Workshops section.
Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting by instructors & students at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE
Slip, Chip, Wedge, Weld: Ceramics & Sculpture The Ceramics & Sculpture Programs present a Mother's Day Weekend exhibition & sale of new works by artists from the CCSF Art Campus. 5/12-14 Fri 7-10pm (opening night), Sat&Sun 9am-6pm FREE adm Bldg C www.geocities.com/sculpture2c

Fort Mason Foundation Daily 9am-5pm (closed 5/29) FREE adm Main Office Lobby Bldg A (415) 441-3400
SFMOMA Rental Gallery A mixed selection from the SF Museum of Modern Art Rental Gallery showcases emerging & mid-career artists from the gallery's collection. 1/12-6/30

The Mexican Museum Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun 11am-5pm $4-$3, children 12 & under FREE (closed 4/26-5/12 for installation) Bldg D (415) 441-0404
Juan Sánchez: Printed Convictions/Convicciones Grabadas This traveling exhibition, organized by the Jersey City Museum, represents the first major retrospective of one of the foremost Latino printmakers in the United States. On display are serigraphs, collages, & mixed-media works spanning the 30-year career of this Nuyorican (New York Puerto Rican) artist. 5/13-9/17
Opening Reception "Juan Sánchez: Printed Convictions/Convicciones Grabadas" 5/12 Fri 6-9pm FREE

Museo ItaloAmericano Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-5pm $3-$2, children under 12 FREE (1st Wed/mo Noon-7pm FREE) Bldg C www.well.com/~museo (415) 673-2200
Omaggio A Modesto Lanzone: Artists, Galleries, & Friends This homage to early Museo supporter Modesto Lanzone features all the works donated by Lanzone & his friends, as well as pieces from his favorite artists & galleries. 3/23-6/4
Prix Giotto Award-Winners The 1999 winners of the North Beach Festival's annual arts prize—Molly Milliar & Raynon Madarang—are honored w/a reception & exhibition. The Prix Giotto is awarded to the winners of the North Beach Festival's Arte di Gesso (street chalk drawing) contest. 5/4-6/4
The Splendid Art Of Fresco An exhibit of contemporary frescoes by famous Italian & Bay Area artists, including Sandro Martini, Gary Maricich, Archana Horsting, Barbara Jackson, Claudia Bernardi, Zarina Hashmi, & M. Louise Stanley. 5/4-6/4
Opening Reception "Prix Giotto Award-Winners" & "The Splendid Art Of Fresco" 5/4 Thur 5:30-7pm
The Fresco Fortnight Artist Sandro Martini directs a two-week introduction to the Italian technique of fresco painting. Included are hands-on classes for school groups, weekend workshops for teachers & artists, & afternoon classes in fresco making. Call the Museo for schedules & prices. 5/1-14 various days/times

Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Gallery & gift shop Tue-Fri&Sun 11am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm $3-$1, $5 families, children under 12 FREE (Sat 10am-Noon & 1st Wed/mo 11am-7pm FREE) Bldg A www.sfcraftandfolk.org (415) 775-0991
Papua New Guinea: Spirits & Artifacts Masks, shields, sculpture, musical instruments, & objects of everyday use make up this exhibit of items from the little-known South Pacific island. 4/1-5/28
The Daily News: The Newspaper Art Of Gugger Petter Danish artist Petter is known internationally for her three-dimensional sculptures incorporating newspapers. 4/5-5/28
Docent Tours 5/3 Wed & 5/12 Fri 1:30pm, 5/20 Sat 11:30am FREE w/adm

Museo ItaloAmericano "The Hercules Pillars" by Leonilde Carabba, gift of Modesto Lanzone

SF African American Historical & Cultural Society Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-5pm $2-$1, children under 12 FREE (1st Wed/mo Noon-7pm FREE) Bldg C (415) 441-0640
Honoring Our Past & Securing Our Future An exposition of posters, photographs, & artifacts honoring leaders in the black community. The show includes an expanded version of the Society's permanent exhibit on Mary Ellen Pleasant, often called the "Mother of Human Rights in California." Featured are Pleasant's writings & new research chronicling her many achievements. 2/2-5/31

SF Museum Of Modern Art Rental Gallery Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm (no exhibit this month; gallery closed 4/29-5/9 & 5/15-6/2, sales office closed 5/6-9 & 5/15-19) FREE adm Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/rentindex.htm (415) 441-4777
Artists' Warehouse Sale The 7th annual event raises funds for the gallery through the sale of works by more than 300 West Coast artists. All pieces are offered at 50% off the usual price. See article on this page for additional information. 5/10-14 Wed 5-9pm, Thur&Fri Noon-8pm, Sat Noon-5:30pm, Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm

Museum of Craft & Folk Art "Waiting #2" by Gugger Petter

AL FRESCO

The art of fresco is not merely a 15th-century phenomenon relegated to the Italian peninsula. A new exhibit at the Museo ItaloAmericano shows that this art form is alive and well and practiced by artists from around the world. "The Splendid Art of Fresco" presents contemporary works by famous artists from Italy and the Bay Area.

On display are frescoes by Sandro Martini, Gary Maricich, Archana Horsting, Barbara Jackson, Zarina Hashmi, Claudia Bernardi, and M. Louise Stanley. The exhibition also provides a history of the fresco technique, and a description of the painting process.

Of added interest is a related project organized by artist Sandro Martini. "The Fresco Fortnight" is two weeks (May 1 to 14) of classes and workshops designed to impart an appreciation of the art form and a working knowledge in applying it today.

The project, co-sponsored by the Museo and the Kala Institute of Berkeley, offers several hands-on demonstrations. On weekday mornings, artists Martini and Gary Maricich teach school groups how to make a small fresco. There also are weekend workshops for teachers and artists. Children's courses are booked; adult courses are open to the public. Call the Kala Institute at (510) 549-2977 for information.

The Museo also invites famous local artists, including William T. Wiley and M. Louise Stanley, to make their own frescoes. The pieces created during these two weeks will be displayed at the Museo at the conclusion of "The Fresco Fortnight."

Two more exhibits are being shown at the Museo. "Omaggio a Modesto Lanzone" honors longtime Museo supporter Lanzone with some of the works he donated to the museum. "Prix Giotto Award-Winners" exhibits the chalk drawings of two artists—Molly Milliar and Raynon Madarang—who won the North Beach Festival's 1999 Arte di Gesso contest.

"Omaggio a Modesto Lanzone" opened March 23; "The Splendid Art of Fresco" and "Prix Giotto Award-Winners" open May 4. All exhibits continue through June 4 at the Museo ItaloAmericano, located in Landmark Building D. For information, call (415) 673-2200.

WAREHOUSE SALE

A highly anticipated annual fund-raising event, the San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art Rental Gallery's sale includes pieces by more than 300 artists. Works by many of the gallery's artists are available, including Kent Alexander, Pia Stern, Catherine Courtenaye, and Gustavo Rivera.

Established in 1978, the SFMOMA Rental Gallery provides exposure and support to more than 1,200 West Coast artists. The Gallery serves a broad range of corporate and individual patrons through rental and sales operations, and mounts approximately eleven exhibitions each year, showcasing Bay Area contemporary art in all media.

Proceeds from the Warehouse Sale support the Rental Gallery's exhibition program, dedicated to promoting regional art, the Museum, and the artists themselves. The sale is launched with a grand opening reception, featuring refreshments and music by the Creole Belles. Although the selection is restocked daily, visitors are encouraged to attend early for the best pieces. During the sale, all artworks are offered at 50% off the usual retail price.

The Seventh Annual Artists' Warehouse Sale takes place May 11 through 14, Thursday and Friday from Noon to 8pm, Saturday from Noon to 5:30pm, and Sunday from Noon to 4pm. The opening reception is May 10, Wednesday from 5 to 9pm. The SFMOMA Rental Gallery is located in Landmark Building A. For information, call (415) 441-4777, or see www.sfmoma.org.

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FORT MASON CENTER

www.fortmason.org

MAY 2000

FOUNDED IN 1976

1 MONDAY

Book Bay Bookstore Bargain paperback & hardcover books, records & CDs to support programs in SF libraries. 5/1-31 daily 11am-5pm (closed 5/29) FREE adm Bldg C www.friendsandfoundation.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

2 TUESDAY

Dream Girls: Images Of Women In Advertising This multimedia traveling exhibition developed by the American Advertising Museum explores the history of the feminine image in advertising. 4/13-5/12 Tue-Fri Noon-6pm, Sat&Sun Noon-5pm $2 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Herbst International Exhibition Hall (a Fort Mason Foundation project) at Moraga & Montgomery Sts. in the Presidio (510) 649-0500, ext. 41

National Maritime Museum Library (J. Porter Shaw Maritime Library) Premier collection of maritime history: books, magazines, oral histories, ships' plans & photographs. Orientations by reservation. 5/2-31 Tue 5-8pm, Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm FREE Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 556-9870

Albert Herring The SF Opera Center presents Benjamin Britten's comedy about the English town of Loxford which, lacking a suitably chaste May Queen for its annual festival, elects the shy lad Albert Herring instead. 4/28&30 Fri 8pm, Sun 2pm; 5/2-6 Tue/Thur/Sat 8pm $50-$25 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 864-3330

Book Bay Bookstore see 5/1

3 WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday At Fort Mason Museums & galleries stay open late & admission is FREE Noon-7pm (415) 441-3400 see Galleries
Fort Mason Foundation Lobby Selections from the SFMOMA Rental Gallery (9am-5pm) Bldg A
The Mexican Museum "Covarrubias: The Rosa & Miguel Covarrubias Collection" Bldg D
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Career Search Live Job-seekers can meet representatives from top Bay Area companies seeking applicants in accounting, administration, banking, cashiering, customer service, education, insurance, retail, telemarketing, & many other areas. Come w/resume & dressed to interview. 5/3&4 Wed&Thur 11am-5pm FREE Herbst Pavilion www.jobsamerica.com (408) 748-7600

Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Tour Docent tours of current exhibits. 5/3 Wed & 5/12 Fri 1:30pm, 5/20 Sat 11:30am FREE w/adm Museum of Craft & Folk Art Bldg A www.sfcraftandfolk.org (415) 775-0991

San Francisco Travelers' Circle Monthly informal gathering of independent travelers sharing tips, stories, & dreams of global adventure over a cup of coffee in Café Franco. 7-8:30pm FREE Hostelling International/Fisherman's Wharf Upper Fort Mason Bldg 240 www.norcalhostels.org (415) 882-7472

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4 THURSDAY

Museo ItaloAmericano Opening Reception "Prix Giotto Award-Winners" & "The Splendid Art of Fresco." 5:30-7pm FREE adm Museo Italo-Americano Bldg C (415) 673-2200

Canadian Ivy Information Night Representatives from four of Canada's top academic institutions—McGill, Queen's, University of British Columbia, & University of Toronto—are on hand to meet w/prospective students & parents. 6:30-8pm FREE adm Firehouse www.utoronto.ca (416) 978-8342

Liebovian Hypnosis For Smokers Stop smoking now! Richard Liebow has helped hundreds of smokers break the nicotine habit in just one session. 6:30-9:30pm $44 Bldg C (415) 928-2851

Bay Area Theatresports: The Belfry Players A troupe of BATS players performs "Chain/Link," an improv format composed of a series of spontaneously-created stories, all linked by a common object suggested by the audience. 5/4&11 Thur 8pm $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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5 FRIDAY

Silver Designers Of Mexico: Contemporary & Classic Masters Hi-Ho Silver presents a show & sale of works by five jewelry designers from Taxco, Mexico. Featured are Agnes Seebass, Doña Ana Brilanti, Sigi Pineda, & Guillermo Arregui, & the designs of Hector Aguilar as executed by Luis Flores. Hors d'oeuvres & wine are served. 5/5&6 Fri 5:30-8:30pm, Sat 11am-3:30pm Bldg A FREE adm www.hiho silver.com (415) 771-4446

Playwrights' Center Of SF Meetings for new & experienced playwrights. Informal group discussions & staged readings of members' original works in progress, followed by audience critique. 5/5 Scene Night workshop, 5/12-26 staged readings 5/5-26 Fri 7:30pm $5 Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.playwrights.org (415) 626-4603

Bay Area Theatresports Spring Tournament Teams of actors go head-to-head in competitive improvisational theater, culminating in this month's semifinals (5/5&6) & finals (5/13). This season's winning team goes on to play Los Angeles Theatresports (see 5/27). 5/5&6 Fri&Sat, 5/13 Sat 8pm $10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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6 SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings w/ discussion, speakers & support for recovering sober alcoholics. Coffee served. 5/6-28 Sat 9:30-10:30am, Sun 8-9pm FREE Bldg C (415) 621-1326

Whale Watch Cruises Naturalist-led day cruises from Fort Mason head toward Point Reyes to witness the mighty gray whale migration & observe other coastal marine life. 12/26/99-5/14 Sat&Sun 9:30am-4pm $50-$46/person res. req. group rates available Oceanic Society Bldg E www.oceanic-society.org/ww.htm (415) 474-3385

Norway Day Festival "A Taste of Norway" is a showcase of Nordic culture, music, dance, art, crafts, food, & drink. Information booths cover topics like genealogy, contemporary Norway, & Norwegian-American relations. 5/6&7 Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm $10-$7, children under 12 FREE Festival Pavilion www.norwayday.org (925) 974-9071

Marin Day School Fund-raiser: Fiesta 2000 This annual event features a silent auction & raffle, fine wines, a margarita bar & cocktails, buffet dinner & dessert, & live music. The Fiesta benefits Marin Day Schools, a nonprofit organization providing quality childcare services to more than 1,600 Bay Area families. 6:30-11pm $60, $40 adv FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Herbst Pavilion (415) 381-3120

Sobriety By The Sea Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon hold a meeting & dance w/live DJ. 7:30pm-midnight $8 Bldg A www.spirit-sf.org (415) 267-4860

Peter & The Wolf This full production of the children's favorite features the glorious music of Sergei Prokofiev performed live. As the show commences, all is calm in the forest, but the Wolf is lurking in the shadows.... 4/29-5/21 Sat&Sun 1&3:30pm $8-$5 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C (415) 346-5550

Flash Family Entertain the whole family. Spontaneously created songs & original scenes & sketches. Audience suggestions spark each creative adventure. Appropriate for ages 8 to 108. 4/15-5/20 Sat 8:30pm $14-$7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.improvworks.citysearch.com (415) 885-5678

Bay Area Theatresports: That Time Of The Month Again An all-female troupe of BATS improvisers performs a night of spontaneous stories & songs. 10:30pm $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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7 SUNDAY

Food Addicts Anonymous Weekly meeting of 12-step program for people w/eating disorders. 5/7-28 Sun 9-10:30am & 7-8:30pm FREE Bldg C (415) 453-1999

Fort Miley Adventure Ropes Course Celebration see 5/12

Bay Printmakers Spring Exhibit & Sale Twenty professional artists hold a one-day sale of original prints. A wide variety of work is available. 10am-5pm FREE adm Bldg A (415) 564-5350

Celebrating The Genius Of J.S. Bach SF Performances presents a series of concerts in honor of the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. 5/7-28 various days/times $30/concert FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.performances.org (415) 392-4400
Bach Keyboard Series Pianist Angela Hewitt performs the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I (5/7) & Book II (5/21). An onstage discussion w/Hewitt & Michael Steinberg follows. 5/7 Sun 10am-4pm & 5/21 Sun 11am-4pm
Bach & Ysaÿe Violin Series Viennese violinist Benjamin Schmid performs some of the major violin works of J.S. Bach & Eugène Ysaÿe. Performances are preceded by a lecture & discussion. 5/14: Bach's Partita No. 3 BMV 1006 & Sonata No. 1 BMV 1003, Ysaÿe's Sonata Op. 27, Nos. 2 & 4; 5/16: Bach's Partita No. 2 BMV 1002 & Sonata No. 1 BMV 1001, Ysaÿe's Sonata Op. 27, Nos. 1 & 6; 5/18: Bach's Partita No. 2 BMV 1004 & Sonata No. 3 BMV 1005, Ysaÿe's Sonata Op. 27, Nos. 3&5. 5/14-18 Sun 10:30am-4pm, Tue&Thur 8pm-10pm

Church Of Amron This "metaphysical ministry" provides a Sunday alternative to regular church services. The church endeavors to inspire a different way of being & thinking. Free tarot readings & aura-balancing healings are available following each service. 5/7-28 Sun 11:30am-2pm FREE Bldg C (408) 775-0221

Haiku Poets Of Northern California Quarterly meeting for reading & discussion of haiku & related poetry forms. 1-5pm FREE Bldg C (415) 567-8143

Saga North Ski & Snowboard Club Monthly social event for gay & lesbian ski/snowboard club. Meet other winter sports enthusiasts. 5-9pm FREE Gatehouse www.saganorth.com (415) 995-2772

Bay Area Theatresports: Sunday Players Graduates from the BATS School of Improv perform in theatresports competition. 5/7-28 Sun 8pm $6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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8 MONDAY

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9 TUESDAY

ASMP: Meeting Of The Minds The American Society of Media Photographers presents a lecture & roundtable discussion on "The State of the Editorial Industry." Before the lecture, Michael Grecco signs his new book *The Art of Portrait Photography*. 6-7pm book signing, 7-10pm lecture $15 res. rec. Bldg A www.asmpnorcal.org (415) 777-1070

Medical Astrology Lecture The National Council for Geocosmic Research holds a lecture. Marcia Starck shares her thirty years of experience, including information on astrological patterns for various diseases & imbalances, & ways of working & healing these imbalances. 7:30-9:30pm $18 Bldg C (415) 558-9614

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10 WEDNESDAY

SFMOMA Rental Gallery Artists' Warehouse Sale The 7th annual event raises funds for the gallery through the sale of works by more than 300 West Coast artists. All pieces are offered at 50% off the usual price. Wednesday's opening reception features music & refreshments. 5/10-14 Wed 5-9pm, Thur&Fri Noon-8pm, Sat Noon-5:30pm, Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm SFMOMA Rental Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org (415) 441-4777

Art Law Workshops California Lawyers for the Arts' ongoing lecture series features industry professionals on a variety of issues faced by today's artist. 5/10&24 Wed 7-8:30pm $15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card California Lawyers for the Arts Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200
Unraveling The Web: Licensing Written & Visual Content On The Net Part II of this series covers copyright concerns for artists & writers. Learn how to grant or obtain permission to use copyrighted material, as well as the legal consequences for failing to do so. 5/10
Unraveling The Web: Website Liability Part III in this series looks at legal issues arising from the global nature of the web. Can you be sued by someone from another state or country for the information posted on your computer in SF? 5/24

Prostate Cancer Support Group The Prostate Awareness Foundation integrates diet, vitamins, & exercise w/more traditional approaches to the healing of prostate cancer. Survivors & their families are invited to explore the alternatives. 7:15-9:45pm FREE Gatehouse (415) 564-9642

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11 THURSDAY

SF AIDS Foundation Leadership Recognition Dinner The SF AIDS Foundation holds its 13th annual gala fund-raiser to recognize community members who have dedicated their lives to ending the AIDS epidemic. This year's honorees are Laurence Colton, a longtime Foundation board member who is stepping down, & Mervyn's California & Target Stores, which has contributed generously to the cause & whose AIDS Walk team of 3,500 is one of the largest. 6pm cocktails & dinner, 8pm awards $225/person, $200 before 4/26; $25,000-$3,000/table Festival Pavilion www.sfaf.org (415) 487-3065

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12 FRIDAY

The Mexican Museum Opening reception for "Juan Sánchez: Printed Convictions/Convicciones Grabadas." 6-9pm FREE adm The Mexican Museum Bldg D (415) 441-0404

Slip, Chip, Wedge, Weld: Ceramics & Sculpture The CCSF Fort Mason Ceramics & Sculpture Programs present a Mother's Day Weekend exhibition & sale of new works by artists from the CCSF art campus. 5/12-14 Fri 7-10pm (opening night), Sat&Sun 9am-6pm FREE adm Bldg C www.geocities.com/sculpture2c (415) 561-1840

Fort Miley Adventure Ropes Course 20th Anniversary Celebration The Ropes Course, a one-day program of mental & physical challenges designed to build confidence & self-esteem in high school students, celebrates its 20th anniversary w/an evening of exhibits, speakers, raffles, & music. 7-11:30pm $25 Bldg A www.fortmileyropes.org (415) 338-6883

Bay Area Theatresports Fund-raiser A special event to raise funds for upgrading the Bayfront Theater. The BATS players present "Spontaneous Broadway," the most popular improvised musical format from the Theatresports repertoire. Audience members get to be the "backers," donating to the musical of their choice. The one with the most donations is performed live. 8pm $12 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

School Of The Arts Spring Dance Performance Students from SF's public high school for the arts perform in this 18th annual event choreographed by students & local dance figures. 5/12-14 Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm $15-$8, $13-$7 adv FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 821-7098

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13 SATURDAY

Fort Mason Center Tour Take a guided walk through this cultural & recreational facility, home to 40 arts, environmental & cultural nonprofit organizations. Museums, theaters, galleries, classes & workshops utilize these converted military warehouses. 5/13&27 Sat 11am-12:30pm FREE (call to reserve space) Bldg A (415) 441-3400

Orchid Garage Sale OrchidMania holds its annual sale to raise funds for AIDS relief & education organizations in the United States, Asia, & Latin America. Growers offer unusual & rare plants, blooming flowers for Mother's Day, & demonstrations on orchid care. 5/13&14 Sat&Sun 10am-5pm FREE (Breakfast preview Sat 9-10am $20) Bldg A www.orchids.org (415) 841-1678

SF Art Institute MFA Graduate Exhibition More than 50 graduates from SFAI's Master of Fine Arts program exhibit ambitious new works in all media. These emerging artists, from one of the West Coast's most prestigious & influential art universities, exhibit paintings, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, drawing, installation pieces, & film & video works, many of which are for sale. 5/13-20 daily Noon-5pm FREE adm Herbst Pavilion (415) 749-4545

Bay Area Theatresports: Spaghetti Western Actors from Bay Area Theatresports create a Western adventure in the spirit of Sergio Leone & Clint Eastwood. Audience input shapes the plot. 10:30pm $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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15 MONDAY

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16 TUESDAY

Transcendental Meditation Lecture Hear an introductory talk about this simple, effortless technique designed to eliminate stress, develop mental potential, & enjoy life more. 7-9pm FREE Gatehouse www.tm.org (415) 675-0222

SF Bay Oceanic Crew Group Monthly membership meeting. Members enjoy sailing w/qualified skippers & crew, sharpen sailing skills, & support environmental groups protecting Bay waters. 7-10pm FREE w/$50-$40 annual fee Bldg C (415) 979-4866

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17 WEDNESDAY

SF Chamber Of Commerce 150th Anniversary The Chamber celebrates its sesquicentennial w/a lavish dinner featuring a "Culinary History of SF" & a once-in-a-lifetime performance by Beach Blanket Babylon created especially for the occasion. 5:30pm reception, 6:30pm dinner $200/person, $10,000-$3,500/table Festival Pavilion (415) 352-8858

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18 THURSDAY

Guys & Dolls Students from Musical Theatre Works perform this classic musical as the finale to their spring semester. 5/18-21 Thur 6:30pm, Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm $18 Bayfront Theater Bldg B (415) 641-5988

The ABCs Of World-Class Port & Madeira Drink Great Wine, producer of wine seminars for passionate connoisseurs, presents a seminar on Port & Madeira wines. Lecturer Bartholomew Broadbent is one of the world's foremost authorities on these wines; his importing company was recently recognized as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in America by Dun & Bradstreet. 6:45-9pm $63, $55 before 5/8 Bldg A www.drinkgreatwine.com (415) 721-4222

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19 FRIDAY

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Handcrafted, high-quality bracelets, earrings, necklaces, pendants & rings from Taxco, Mexico. Unusual designs, great prices. Presented by Hi-Ho Silver. 5/19-21 Fri-Sun 10am-3:30pm Bldg A FREE adm www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

Recess! A Play Night For Grown-Ups Lighten up & loosen up w/an evening of games & playful activities. Bring your favorite "play" mates & meet new friends. Presented by ImprovWorks. 7:30-10pm $15 Bldg D www.improvworks.citysearch.com (415) 885-5678

Subali-Sugriwa: **Bali & India** Bali meets India in this artistic collaboration between Gamelan Sekar Jaya & Chitresh Das Dance Company. This compelling new work, w/a story drawn from the Hindu *Ramayana*, brings together Balinese *ketjak* chanting w/classical Indian *kathak* dance. 5/19-21 Fri 8pm, Sat 2&8pm, Sun 8pm $20-$17, $18-$15 adv FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 441-FMTS

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20 SATURDAY

Tibetan Sand Mandala Demonstration Monks of the Sed-Gyued Datsang Tantric College create a sand mandala at this exhibit of sacred Tibetan arts & culture. Also on display are traditional thangka paintings by father-son master artists Urgen Dorje Sherpa & Tserin Sherpa. Sponsored by the Healing Buddha Foundation's Monastery Project. 5/20-28 Thur&Sat 10am-9pm, Sun-Wed 10am-8pm (5/28 Sun 10am-6pm) $10 Bldg A www.themonasteryproject.org (800) 843-4037
Film Showing *Seeds of Tibet: Voices of the Children & Free Tibet 1999 Tour*. 5/20&23 Sat&Tue 7pm $10-$6 (includes admission to exhibit)
Teachings With Venerable Segyu Chocpel Rinpoche The head lama of the Healing Buddha Foundation talks about various topics: Mandala of Compassion (5/21&27 Sun&Sat 2-3pm), Overcoming Anger (5/24 Wed 7-9pm), Introduction to Buddhism (5/26 Fri 7-9pm), Healing Deep Wounds 5/27 Sat 7-9pm. $15/lecture (includes admission to exhibit)
Dissolution Ceremony 5/28 Sun 4-6pm $20 (includes admission to exhibit)

Psychic Healing Fair Psychic Horizons offers healings & readings on a variety of personal issues, including relationships, health, & career. 1-3pm FREE Bldg C (415) 643-8800

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21 SUNDAY

SF Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society Bimonthly meeting for people interested in tracing their roots. 12:30-4pm $3 Bldg C www.jewishgen.org/sfbajgs (415) 666-0188

Duke Ellington Society Monthly gathering features music, readings, & lectures on jazz & the legacy of Duke Ellington. The Bay Area chapter was founded in 1997. 3-6pm $5 Gatehouse (415) 563-5458

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22 MONDAY

Yosemite Valley Plan Public Hearing The public is invited to hear & give input on the alternatives outlined in the Draft Yosemite Valley Plan. During open house (4-6pm), the public can look at displays & talk w/National Park Service staff. A presentation (6-6:30pm) of the planning alternatives follows, & the public hearing (6:30-9pm) concludes the day's activities. 4-9pm FREE Herbst International Exhibition Hall (a Fort Mason Fndn. project) at Moraga & Montgomery Sts. in the Presidio www.nps.gov/yose/planning.htm (209) 372-0200

Book Bay Bookstore see 5/1
Tibetan Sand Mandala Demonstration see 5/20

23 TUESDAY

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or film, for placement w/a recording artist, or for an artist development deal. 6:30-11pm $4 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.ncsasong.org (800) FOR-SONG

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National Maritime Museum Library see 5/2
Celebrating The Genius Of J.S. Bach see 5/7
Tibetan Sand Mandala Demonstration see 5/20

24 WEDNESDAY

Eurythmy, Humor, & Song The SF Waldorf School's Youth Eurythmy Group performs lighthearted music & poetry. Eurythmy is a dance form blending speech, music, gesture, lighting, & color. The program includes music by Bartok & J.S. Bach. 7:30pm $15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 931-2736

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Art Law Workshops see 5/10
Tibetan Sand Mandala Demonstration see 5/20

25 THURSDAY

International Plastic Modelers Society Monthly meeting of collectors & creators of military & aviation miniatures. 7:30-10:30pm FREE w/$20 annual fee Gatehouse (415) 892-0292

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26 FRIDAY

Bay Area Theatresports: Improvised Shakespeare Actors from Bay Area Theatresports & Los Angeles Theatresports join forces to create a full-length Shakespearean play. Tragedy or comedy? The audience decides. 8pm $12 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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Playwrights' Center Of SF see 5/5
Tibetan Sand Mandala Demonstration see 5/20

27 SATURDAY

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting w/program & discussion. Old & new postcards offered for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

SF World Music Festival This first annual event features music from around the world—Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, China, India, Tuva, Vietnam—performed by local & international groups. Lectures & performances take place throughout SF. 5/27&28 Sat 7pm, Sun 2-8pm $22/show, $40/one-day pass FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 391-0367
Roundtable Discussion KPFA radio host Catherine Gollery moderates a discussion on the state of world music in the music business. 5/27 Sat Noon FREE
Film Screening A selection of world music performances compiled by Stephen Parr. 5/27 Sat 2:30pm FREE
Edessa & Chookasian Armenian Ensemble Edessa is comprised of some of the most talented performers of traditional Greek music. Chookasian Armenian Ensemble performs on rarely heard instruments native to the Caucasus. 5/27 Sat 6pm $22
Jumping Buddha Ensemble & Hossein Omoumi Jumping Buddha performs an innovative combination of traditional Chinese music w/various Asian folk tunes, jazz, & other modern sounds. Omoumi is one of the greatest living players of the ney, a Persian bamboo flute. 5/27 Sat 8:30pm $22
Alessandra Belloni, Azerbaijan Ensemble, & Chirgilchin Southern Italian singer Belloni is followed by three masters of Azeri music & the American debut of a Tuvan throat singing quintet. 5/28 Sun 1pm $22
Habib Khan, Trance Mission, & West African Highlife Band Khan performs the sitar music of Northern India, Trance Mission features the modern didjeridu music of Stephen Kent, & the distinguished West African performers present "palm-wine" dance tunes. 5/28 Sun 6pm $22

Bay Area Theatresports: BATS vs. LATS It's the classic North-South grudge match: The winning team from the BATS Spring Tournament takes on a visiting team from Los Angeles Theatresports. Can BATS steal back the coveted Theatresports trophy? 8pm $10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

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Flash Family see 5/6
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28 SUNDAY

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30 TUESDAY

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31 WEDNESDAY

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

Al Hayes Advertising Portfolio Learn to solve advertising probems under pressure & turn them into portfolio pieces. For art directors & copywriters. 4/12-7/26 Wed 6:30-9:30pm $400/course Bldg C (415) 243-8244

California Lawyers For The Arts Legal referrals & services for individuals & arts organizations. Workshops $15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 (workshops: ext. 2)
- **Copyright Clinics** Twenty-minute private consultations w/a lawyer. Two Saturdays/mo (call for dates) 10am-12:30pm $20
- **Unraveling The Web: Licensing Written & Visual Content On The Net** see 5/10
- **Unraveling The Web: Website Liability** see 5/24

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus Classes in drawing, design, painting, printmaking, sculpture, & ceramics. Call for a catalog. Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 5/29) Bldg B www.ccsf.org (415) 561-1860

Friends Of Calligraphy Various levels of instruction; F.O.C. has sponsored classes, lectures, & publications on calligraphy & related art since 1974. Monica Dengo teaches "The Rhythm Of Writing" 3/30-5/11 Thur 6:30-9pm $125 Bldg C (510) 841-6924

Western Public Radio Classes in all aspects of radio: production, technical, & broadcasting. Low-cost studio time available. Bldg D www.westernpublicradio.org (415) 771-1161

PERFORMING ARTS

Bay Area Theatresports™ Classes & workshops in improv & stage work. Weekly performances (see calendar section). FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card. BATS Center For Improvisational Theatre, Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of American Music Private lessons, group classes & band workshops in Rock, Jazz, Blues, Soul & other popular music styles; instrument/voice, all ages/levels, day/evening. Call for free catalog. Bldg D (415) 673-3600

Improvisational Open Workshop James Cranna offers a weekly open workshop stressing basic improvisational skills. 5/6-27 Sat 1-4pm $7/session Bldg C (415) 453-9092

ImprovWorks Improvisation training in a noncompetitive, playful atmosphere. Bldgs C&D www.improvworks.citysearch.com (415) 885-5678
- **Basics Of Improvisation** Theater games & exercises. No exp. nec. 4/26-6/7 Wed & 5/8-6/26 Mon 7-9:30pm $195/course. No class 5/29
- **Building On Basics** More exercises: location, dialogue, relationship. 4/18-6/13 Tue 7-9:30pm $195/course
- **Flash Family** Spontaneously created songs & scenes & sketches for ages 8 to 108. 4/15-5/20 Sat 8:30pm $14-$7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D
- **W4: Who, What, Where, Why** Setting, relationship, subtext, & conflict. 4/17-6/19 Mon 7-9:30pm $195/course. No class 5/29
- **Teacher's Choice** Techniques from a variety of teachers. 4/20-6/15 Thur 7-9:30pm $195/course
- **Space Objects Workout** Exercises to put the "where" into your scenes. 5/6 Sat 1-5pm $40-$35
- **Physical Comedy** Use combat & contact in your scenes. 5/9-30 Tue 7-9:30pm $100/course
- **Recess! Play Time For Grown-ups** 5/19 Fri 7:30-10pm $15

Performing Arts Workshop places performing artists in schools on residency programs & offers workshops & resource materials to educators & artists at school sites. Internships available. Bldg C www.pawsf.org (415) 673-2634

Playwrights' Center Of SF Informal group discussions & staged readings of members' original works in progress, followed by audience critique. 5/5 Scene Night workshop, 5/12-26 staged readings. 5/5-26 Fri 7:30pm $5 Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.playwrights.org (415) 626-4603

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center Trance medium healing. Bldg C/Gatehouse www.aesclepion.org (415) 453-6196
- **Clairvoyant Reading** Students in training do clairvoyant readings. 5/5-6/23 Fri 7:30-9:30pm $20/session res. req.
- **Healing Clinic** You don't need to be sick to get a "healing." 4/7-6/23 Fri 7-10pm FREE
- **Meditation Class** Explore the trance: centering, grounding, psychic protection, & running energy. 5/3-6/21 Wed 7:30-9:30pm $90/course

CCSF Continuing Education Classes for vocational & recreational needs. Call for a free catalog. Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 5/29) Bldg B www.ccsf.org/Continuing_Education (415) 561-1840
- **Yoga & Meditation** 4/25-5/30 Tue 6-8:30pm $120/course Bldg C

Cognition & The Brain's White Matter Workshop for neuropsychologists includes an overview of the brain's white matter & cognitive dysfunction, current neuroimaging & MR techniques, dissociated memory systems, & assessment & treatment implications. 5/13 Sat 8:45am-4:30pm $135 Firehouse (916) 360-0343

Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement Pleasurable & easy to follow. Relieve muscle tension; improve flexibility & posture. 5/1 Mon 6-7pm $10/class Bldg C (415) 885-1528

Gentle Power Aerobics Low-impact conditioning for people over 40. Get strong, unstressed & centered. Ongoing class. 5/1-31 Mon-Fri 9:30-10:30am (no class 5/29) $6.50-$5.50/class Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Greek Folk Dance Anna Efstathiou teaches this timeless & beautiful dance style for festival & taverna enjoyment. Ongoing class, drop-ins welcome. 5/1-22 Mon 8-10pm $13-$10/class Bldg C (510) 339-8357

Institute Of Classical Homeopathy offers a four-year program. Courses & study sessions focus on professional practice of Hahnemannian theory. Sept-June various days/times Bldgs C&D (707) 963-7796

Intuitive Energy Medicine: Basics Reiki master Suzanne Louise teaches tools to enhance your immune system & apply healing techniques to yourself & others. Continuing education credit for RNs is available. 5/13 Sat 10am-5pm $200 FMC "Friends" $25 off w/mbrs card Bldg D www.int-energy-med.com (415) 285-4324

Liebovian Hypnosis For Smokers Stop smoking now! Hypnotist Richard Liebow has helped hundreds break the nicotine habit in just one session. 5/4 Thur 6:30-9:30pm $44 Bldg C (415) 928-2851

Military Fitness: The Hour Of Power Beginning & Intermediate fitness programs by Sergeant Ken Weichert of the California Army National Guard. 5/13-27 Sat: Intermediate reg. 8:30-9am, class 9-10am; Beginner reg. 10-10:30am, class 10:30-11:30am $15/session FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card www.startfitness.com (415) 225-5715

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Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety. All-day weekends or two weekday evenings. 5/15&16 Mon&Tue, or 5/10&11 or 5/24&25 Wed&Thur 5:45-10pm. Also 5/6-27 Sat 9am-5pm $35/course Bldgs C&D www.improv-ts.com (800) 775-LAFF

The Inquiry Process Ten-week course teaches how to transform work into a continuous learning process. Let managers be coaches & turn your business into a "learning organization." 5/4-7/13 Thur 7-9:30pm $675/course Gatehouse/Bldg C (510) 482-2239

Marriage Prep 101 A training workshop designed to prepare premarital couples for a lifelong marriage by building on their strengths & teaching essential relationship skills. Taught by Drs. Michelle & Patrick Gannon, Ph.D. 5/5&6 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 8:30am-4:30pm $375/couple Gatehouse (415) 905-8830

Pacific Rim Wine Education Center Informal classes & courses on the ins & outs of wine tasting. Bldg C www.pacrimwine.org (415) 512-9318
- **Fundamentals Of Wine Tasting** A beginner course for novices wishing to learn about wine tasting. 4/25-5/9 Tue 7-9:30pm $89/person, $149/couple
- **Wine Panel Evaluation** A different varietal type, region, & vintage every week. Two sessions w/overlapping lecture. 5/5 '98 California Viognier, 5/12 '97 Washingon/Pacific Northwest Merlots, 5/19 '98 Central/South Coast Chardonnay, 5/26 '96 Napa Cabernet & Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated Red Meritage. 3/24-5/26 Fri 6:30-7:30pm & 8-9pm, lecture 7:30-8pm $30-$15/evening FMC "Friends" 10% off w/mbrs card & pre-reg.
- **Varietal Wine Series** A series of lectures on wine varietals. 5/4 Dry Aromatics, 5/11 Pinot Noir/Gamay, 5/18 Balancing a Little Sugar, 5/25 Zinfandel, 6/1 Semillon/White Meritage. 1/20-6/1 Thur 7pm $595/series, $995/couple, $50-$25/eve

Rosemary's Review: A Comprehensive Bar Tutorial Intensive bar exam course focuses on preparation, organization, & writing skills for repeat takers or academically challenged students. 5/22-7/15 various days&times $3,000/course Bldg C (415) 751-4484

URISA Workshops Urban & Regional Information Systems Assoc. courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), designed for professionals. 5/11&12 Thur&Fri 8:30am-5pm $245/class Bldg C www.urisa.org (847) 824-6300
- **Cartography & Map Design** The basics of the cartographic principles of GIS, including map scale, projections, map elements, symbol selection, topography, thematic mapping techniques, interactive mapping, & overall design. 5/11
- **Managing GIS Implementation** A workshop for GIS & IS managers. Learn the issues facing managers at different stages of GIS development. Topics include project development & management, budgeting, staffing, & an overview of successful & unsuccessful techniques for implementing GIS. 5/12

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Jing Mo Athletic Assn. Traditional gung-fu hand forms & weapons for exercise/self-defense. Adults & children. 5/5-26 Fri 6:30-9pm $35-$25/mo Bldg C (415) 661-8346

Kindermusik With Miss Joanne Music & movement classes for small children from birth to seven. Age-appropriate instruction in rhythm, melody, listening, & movement. 1/18-6/7 Bldgs C/D (415) 447-8951
- **Under 18 Months** Tue&Wed 11:30am-12:15pm $95/8wks
- **Ages 1½-4 Years** Tue&Wed 10-10:30am, Wed 10:45-11:15am $150/15wks
- **Ages 3½-5 Years** Tue 10:45-11:30am $180/15wks

Musical Theatre Works After-school academy for students in grades 2-12. Call for brochure. Bayfront Theater Bldg B (415) 641-5988
- **Summer Musical Theatre Workshop** Students work on scenes, music, & choreography from several musicals, & create costumes & props. 6/13-7/20 Tue&Thur 2:30-5:30pm $400/course
- ***Guys & Dolls*** Students from the Musical Theatre Rehearsal & Performance class present this classic musical. 5/18-21 Thur 6:30pm, Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm $18

SF Children's Art Center Classes (2 hrs/wk) for children 27 months to 10 years in collage, drawing, painting, printmaking, & photography. Available for art birthday parties. Classes 1/22-5/27 various days/times $370-$240/16 wks, $25-$20/drop-in Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Young Performers Theatre Dramatic arts classes & productions for children ages 3 & up. Performances $8-$5 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (415) 346-5550
- **Theater Arts Academy Classes** Ongoing acting classes for children. $225-$135
- ***Peter & The Wolf*** The classic children's musical, featuring the music of Prokofiev, performed live. 4/29-5/21 Sat&Sun 1&3:30pm

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Oceanic Society conducts environmental education & sponsors research expeditions w/volunteers. Mon-Fri 8am-5pm (closed 5/29) Bldg E www. oceanic-society.org (415) 441-1106
- **Whale Watch Cruises** Naturalist-led day cruises from Fort Mason head toward Point Reyes to witness the mighty gray whale migration & observe other coastal marine life. Group rates available. 12/26/99-5/14 Sat&Sun 9:30am-4pm $50-$46 reservations required (415) 474-3385

Sailing Education Adventures A nonprofit community sailing program affiliated w/the US Sailing Assoc., dedicated to providing affordable instruction in the art of sailing. A wide variety of on-the-water activities. Bldg E (415) 775-8779

SF Maritime National Historical Park Offices Mon-Fri 8am-4pm (closed 5/29) Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/local/lib/libtop.html (415) 556-1659
- **National Maritime Museum Library** (J. Porter Shaw Maritime Library) Collection of maritime history: books, magazines, oral histories, ships' plans & 250,000 photographs. Orientations by reservation; monthly lectures. Library hours Tue 5-8pm, Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm FREE (415) 556-9870

MARTIAL ARTS

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Yi Chuan Gung Fu: Buddhist Chi Gung Master Cheuk Fung teaches traditional Gung Fu for health, healing & martial arts ability. 5/2-30 Tue &Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C (510) 352-1263

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BUILDING A

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Greens-To-Go (415) 771-6330
Museum of Craft & Folk Art (415) 775-0990
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Marine Exchange (415) 441-6600
Musical Theatre Works (415) 641-5988
Ploughshares Fund (415) 775-2244

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Chinese Cultural Productions/Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. (415) 474-4829
Environmental Traveling Companions (415) 474-7662
Friends Of The River (916) 442-3155
Fund for Animals (415) 474-4020
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Museo ItaloAmericano (415) 673-2200
Performing Arts Workshop (415) 673-2634
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Museum of Craft & Folk Art office (415) 775-0991
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Western Public Radio (415) 771-1160
World Arts West/City Celebration (415) 474-3914

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- Historic Documents Department (415) 556-9876
- National Maritime Museum Library/J. Porter Shaw Library (415) 556-9870

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